their order dated 28-10-87. The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction have not yet finalised the scheme and have moved the supreme Court for extending the time limit till the 30th April, 1988.

Kelkar Committee's Report on Drugs

@*477. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kelkar Committee which was set up to give its recommendations on drugs has since submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, what are its main recommendations; and

(c) whether the recommendations have since been examined and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 which was laid on the Table of the House on 27th August, 1987 is based on the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee regarding category II of price controlled drugs.

Costing of Cement Industry by B.I.C.P.

*478. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the B.I.C.P. has carried out the costing of the cement industry for the years 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(b) if so, what are its findings?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The BICP did not carry out any cost study of the cement industry for the years 1982-83 to 1985-86. The BICP carried out a limited study on the concessions needed by the 15 sick units and also on the problems of new units and submitted its recommendations in December, 1985. BICP also carried out another study on mini cement plants and its recommendations were submitted in June, 1987.

The BICP recommended that 11 out of 15 sick units had the potential to get out of sickness if the benefit of sickness for purposes of levy obligation was given for specified periods. The BICP also came to the conclusion that four units did not show possibility of getting out of sickness despite concessions of sickness.

As regards new units the BICP recommended certain concessions in the form of reduced levy obligation as well as the relief in excise duty for plants coming up after 1985-86.

BICP recommended an excise relief of 50 per cent of the normal rate for a specified period in respect of mini cement plants, BICP also recommended that mini cement plants could continue to remain outside the price and distribution controls.

कावेरी बेसिन से गैस की आपूर्ति

*479. **श्री रशीद मसूद** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग ने कावेरी बेसिन के कुओं से निकलने वाली प्राकृतिक गैस की व्यापारिक उद्देश्यों के लिये आपूर्ति प्रारम्भ कर दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बेसिन के लिये उत्पादन का कितना वार्षिक लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ;

@Previously Starred Question 417, transferred from the 23rd March, 1988.